

leaders have designated for debate on Monday and early Tuesday.

I believe there probably is a finite set of amendments. I suggested earlier during the day that we will compile a list of 44 at that time. I think some of those perhaps disappeared in the course of the day. Hopefully others do not emerge.

But I think there are some basic issues involving payment limits, for example, that are still out there. Perhaps some are not parochial interests but interests of particular Senators in their States, such as, for example, the distinguished Senator from Oregon, Mr. SMITH, with a legitimate basin problem not requiring much time, although the Senate may or may not agree with his point of view.

Even if these are simple amendments, perhaps they will not be offered in the event they are already accepted. Perhaps the chairman and I will be able, with staff, to work together to see which amendments can be accepted.

We have been engrossed in very heated debate on sugar and on dairy—things that claimed our attention at the time so that we have not really sifted through those things that are perhaps acceptable.

But in the course at least of the next couple of days of debate, I think the situation will become more clear. The chairman knows I have a number of problems with the commodities title. I have already expressed those in the form of one amendment and others.

The chairman is also correct that we did reach remarkable accord on at least eight titles, perhaps nine. My memory fails as to how many are in our bill. But those are good titles to this piece of legislation. It doesn't mean that others may not at least insert lines in them, and they may do so, but at the same time they are in fairly solid shape.

The commodity situation is one that is bound to be of controversy because it has money attached to it. Nevertheless, we will have to reach decisions. I pledge to work with the chairman to do that. I will offer at least I hope comfort this evening and the belief that the chairman's day tomorrow will be a better one.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period not to exceed 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WELCOME TO THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I recognize the presence today of our world champion Arizona Diamondbacks who are visiting with the President later this morning.

We in Arizona are especially proud of them, as I know are all baseball fans across America who hate the Yankees as well. So I express, on behalf of myself, my colleague Senator KYL, and the people of the State of Arizona, how pleased and proud we are of the Diamondbacks and the fact that the President will be greeting them later on; he has a very deep connection and affection for professional baseball.

We are especially proud to have our Diamondbacks with us this morning to see our Capitol and know that all Americans, in a very difficult time in American history, were uplifted by the incredible series that was played by both teams; it diverted our attention and made us appreciate the greatness and strength of America.

Mr. HARKIN. Will the Senator yield? I want to compliment him and the Arizona Diamondbacks. What a great series, one of the best World Series I have ever watched, being a baseball nut like I am. I think what the Diamondbacks showed is not to ever count anyone out and never give up. I think the thing that came through with that team was people did not think they would be up for it and counted them out in the beginning. This team never gave up, and I think, as the Senator from Arizona said, at this time in our national life we needed to be reminded to never give up.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank my friend from Iowa. It is also important to mention my friend from Missouri whose team also played a wonderful series early on with the Diamondbacks, and I think helped them prepare for the World Series.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, a couple of months ago I never thought I would say I am glad to see Curt Schilling again. We saw far too much of him as a Cardinal fan.

We congratulate the Diamondbacks on an outstanding year, a great victory and, as I think they used to say in Brooklyn, wait until next year we look forward to renewing the contest.

The Diamondbacks were magnificent and, yes, I guess I am even glad to see Curt Schilling.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank my colleagues for their indulgence, and I appreciate them taking a moment to congratulate this wonderful group of Americans.

HONORING SERGEANT DAN PETITHORY

Mr. KERRY. It is my extraordinary privilege to share a few words with you today about Sgt. Dan Petithory. I am

touched that his family asked me to do so, touched as a veteran who shares with Dan the bond of service in war, touched as a public official who has the privilege of expressing gratitude on behalf of everyone in our State and country whose lives are better for Dan's service, and touched as a citizen and father whose gratitude for Dan's contribution and sacrifice can never be adequately described.

No one in all of time has ever been able to soften the blow of a young person dying. I know all too well, as does Senator KENNEDY, how the suddenness of death can rob us of those we love and change life forever for those left to live it. But somehow through the tears, God helps us find our way.

In the natural order of things, parents are not supposed to bury their children. The pain of doing so is unfathomable and today America's heart and the hearts of all decent, civilized people ache uncontrollably for Louis and Barbara, for Michael and Nicole, and for all the members of their family.

But we are comforted above all by knowing this was not a loss in vain. This was not a waste. This was not a death that cannot be explained, difficult as the circumstances were. Sgt. Daniel Petithory died for all of us. He died believing in his country, his values, his brothers in his unit. He died in the extraordinary act of making it possible for others to live by the values he loved so deeply, so much more even than he loved his own life.

And we will never forget: Dan was a warrior on our behalf. Twice he went to war so we can live our lives in security and freedom. When the terrorists brought the frontlines here to America, Sergeant Petithory took the battle back to them in Afghanistan, just as he had taken it to Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War a decade ago. That time, he came home safely to America, to a New England community built on the values for which he'd fought so courageously, home to Cheshire and the love of his family which all the days of his youth had flown the American flag from their front porch. Now he is returned to us, resting under that flag to which he has added an indelible new strand of duty and honor. He gave his life to defend the values and security of our Nation and in doing so he joined the special legion of patriots who define the United States of America.

For his ultimate sacrifice in the performance of duty, Sgt. Petithory is to be awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, badges of distinction from a grateful Nation. Following his courageous example, the duty is now left to us to spare no sacrifice to finish the mission for which Dan earned our eternal respect, gratitude, and awe.

I didn't know Dan personally. Nor did many who mourn him in Massachusetts and across the country. But now we know him as the neighbor next door; we know him as the kid who always wanted to be a soldier since he